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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Application Number:	09/489,079
Filing Date:	January 21, 2000
First Named Inventor:	Patricia A. Billing-Medel, et al.
Group Art Unit:	1635
Examiner Name:	Jon Benjamin Ashen
Attorney Docket No.	ABB1207P0970US (6451.US.P1)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously-filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. Other: _____
 - b. Enclosed:
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. Other: Petition for Extension of Time and fee _____
2. **Miscellaneous.** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of:
 - a. _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees.** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For	Claims After Amendment	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity		Large Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$395.00		
Total Claims	17	51	0	x \$25.00	\$		
Indep. Claims	7	16	0	x \$100.00	\$		
Multiple Dependent Claims	0	0	0	x \$180.00	\$		
				TOTAL	\$		
OR						\$790.00	
OR				x \$50.00	\$-		
OR				x \$200.00	\$-		
OR				x \$360.00	\$-		
OR				TOTAL	\$		
							\$790.00

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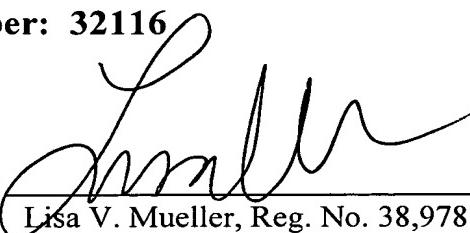
- A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.
- i. RCE filing fee
 Extension of time fee
 Other _____

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Attorney's Signature


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Request For Continued Examination Transmittal and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service "First Class" service on the date indicated below and addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: May 23, 2005

Typed/Printed Name of Person Signing: Lydia Liepinaitis

Signature: 